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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Orr et al.

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CONDUIT FOR USE IN OBTAINING  
METABOLIC MEASUREMENTS FROM  
RESPIRATION (Amended)

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on June 17, 2004.

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 6 of this paper.